

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: James Conlow

Art Unit: 3693

Serial No.: 10/007,266

Examiner: Jocelyn Greimel

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For: System and Method for Efficient
Presentment and Payment of Bills
from Multiple Independent Entities in
a Hierarchically Structured Business
Project

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED
1/29/07**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed January 29, 2007, applicants make the following amendments and response. No new matter is introduced by the amendments. A Petition for Extension of Time to Respond is being filed with this response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 28 of this paper.